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Buy a Liberty Bond and Back Up the Boys at the Front Who Are Fighting for Your Honor, Your Home and Your Country

FRENCH TROOPS JOIN IN BATTLE AT YPRES British Casualties for Week. London, Oct. 9—British casualties reported during the week ending to-day totalled 17,505. The loases were died of wounds, 31; men 2,965. Officers killed or died of wounds, 31; men 2,965. Officers wounded or missing, 862; men, 13,367.

The British and French Armies Launched Their Attacks Simultaneously Tuesday Morning

BOTH WERE REWARDED WITH GOODLY GAINS

The French Penetrated the German Lines to a Depth of One and a Quarter Miles Over a Front of More Than a Mile and a Half, Capturing the Villages of St. Jean de Mangelare and Veldhoek-It Now Looks as Though the Germans Will be Obliged to Evacuate Ostend and Zeebrugge, and Lose Their Naval Bases on the North Sea-A Berlin Newspaper Says Another Austro-German Peace Offer is Being Prepared.

AN ERRONEOUS ARREST

MUNSEY PURCHASES

ARMY SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$625,000 Has Boon Reseived,

Many Camps Yet to Report,

THE STEWART BUILDING

TO LIBERTY LOAN

Valued at About \$4,000,000.

Wealthy Mining Engineer

Mistaken for an Alleged Forger.

COST VICTIM \$50,000

The big fight is on again in Flanders and the Germans are being hammered hard. Field Marshal Haig is battering away in sectors east and thortheast of Ypres, while French firoops have joined up with the British left wing to the south of Dixmude in an endeavor to bring that section of the line even with the sharp wedge that has been driven into the German front by Haig east of Broodseinde.

Launching their attacks simultaneously Tuesday morning, both armines had been rewarded with goodly gains before nightfail, in addition to having inflicted heavy casualities on on the Germans and taking many prisoners. Prior to the announcement of the commencement of the attack there had been no intimation that the Frenchmen were ready for an advance. In fact it had been rather expected that even the British commander-in-chief would delay taking the aggressive again for several days owing to the terrible condition of the ground he is in quest of—a veritable marsh owing to the heavy rains of Sunday and Monday.

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toward Passchendaele, the ultimate objective still being the Ostend-Lille side is soon to be put forward, according to a prominent Berlin news-Taken as a whole, the joint opera-

SUIT AGAINST ESTATE OF LATE MRS. R. W. BINGHAM To Collect Inheritance Taxes of Betwden \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 9.—State Revenue Agent Walton Byars filed suit in the Jefferson county court here today to collect inheritance taxes estimated at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 on the estate of the late Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham. Mrs. Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry. Flagler of New York, died at her home in Louisville last July. The body was taken to Wilmington, N. C., where relatives who asserted they wanted the cause of her death more definitely determined, caused it to be exhumed. An autopsy was performed and some of the organs sent to New York for chemical analysis, the result of which never has been announced.

Mrs. Bingham's estate is estimated at \$80,000,000 including \$65,000,000 personal property.

Recovery of the minimum estimated amount of her inheritance tax it has been stated, would be sufficient to liquidate the entire debt of the state of Kentucky.

Mistaken for an Alleged Forger.

New York, Oct. 9.—A case of mistaken identity, that cost its victim \$50,000 and shattered his health in a mine menths' fight to set himself right, was brought to light here today when at the request of the district attorney, and intercetuse of the district attorney. An intercetuse of the district attorney and intercetuse of the district attorney. An intercetuse of the district attorney. An intercetuse of the distr

LINEMAN SURVIVES SHOCK OF 11,000 VOLTS James McNulty Was Knocked Off 40-Foot Pole in New Britain.

New Britain, Conn., Oct. 9.—James McNuity, a lineman employed by the Western 1 or Telegraph company received a control of 11,000 voits of elec-New York, Oct. 9—Purchase of the Stowart Building at Broadway, Chambers and Reade streets by Frank A. Munsey for the erection in its place of a home for The Sun, Munsey's Magazine and the other Munsey publications was announced in today's Evening Sun, The property was valued at about \$4,000,000, it was stated. The site is a historical landmark, part of it once having been occupied by the famous old Washington Hall which was destroyed by fire in 1542, Purchase was made from the heirs of Judge Henry Hilton, who was executor of the estate of the late A. T. Stewart. Mr. Stewart erected the building now occupying the site in 1845. received a set 11,000 voits of elec-tricity or from the top of the pole on which he was working today. It is expected he will recover. Mc-Nulty was taken to a hospital after his 40 foot fall, retaining conscious-ness throughout the ordeal. A glove he was wearing on his left hand was burned completely off.

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THE PULLMAN COMPANY Shows Earnings of \$49,184,569, With Expenses of \$47,464,304

Chicago, Oct. 9—The annual statement of the Pullman Company mag-public today, shows earnings of \$49,-184,559, of which \$47,464,304 was from the operation of cars and \$1,720,255 public today, shows earnings of \$49,184,559, of which \$47,464,304 was from
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from manufacturing, rentals, interest,
etc. Expenses, including depreciation
and dividends, declared, were \$45,151,932, leaving \$4,032,627 to the surplus
account.

TWO AMERICANS INJURED BY A GERMAN SHELL While on Duty Near the Front-injuries are Not Berious,

Paris, Oct, 9—Robert Lamon of Evanston, Ills., and Henry Thompson of Greenville, Det., members of the munitions transport sestion of the American field service, were wounded on Sunday by 9. German shell while on duty near the front. It is reported Saturday, showed 155,000 with many their injuries are not series.

Cabled Parag

London, Oct. 10.—The Daily Telegraph says that it learns that the sultan of Egypt died at noon Tuesday.

Hussein Kemal was chosen by Great Britain in 1914 to succeed his uncle, Khedive Abbas Hilmi, as ruler of Egypt, simultaneously with the proc-lamation of a British protectorate. His father was khedive from 1865 to

AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD INSURANCE CO.

Fugitive Warrant for a Philadelphia Contractor Who Was Supposed to Have Been Drowned,

Philadelphia, Oct. 2.—The county grand jury today returned indictments against Frederick. Roe Searing, a Philadelphia contractor, who disappeared on the beach at Atlantic City two years ago, and was believed to have been drowned, and Miss Elizabeth Rendell, his former stenographer, who are reported to have been located at New Orleans, on charges of conspiracy to defraud. Fugitive warrants were issued for their arrest and a detective left tonight for the southern city to bring them here.

Considerable mystery surrounded the disappearance of Searing. He had donned a bathing sulf and was waiting at the edge of the water line for William H. Miller, who had gone to hire a suit. When Miller returned a few minutes later Searing could not be found and after a widespread search was believed by his wife and friends to have been drowned.

Insurance companies, however, refused to next the amount of his policies.

have been drowned.

Insurance companies, however, refused to pay the amount of his policies to Mrs. Searing, claiming there had been insufficient proof of his death, and trial of a suit instituted by Mrs. Searing for the payment of \$18,000 insurance money, which was to have been held today, was postponed at the request of counsel for the companies.

Mrs. Searing, in court when the case was called, said if her husband was alive the case would be dropped.

LIVED WITH HIS

Searing and Miss Rendell Remanded to Prison at New Orleans.

FORMER STENOGRAPHER

New Orleans, La., Oct. 9.—Elizabeth Rendell of Philadelphia was arrested here today on charges of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sudden disappearsnce of Frederick Roe Searing, a Philadelphia contractor, at Atlantic City. She and Searing, who was taken into custody last night on a similar charge, were held by a magistrate as fügitives from justice and were remanded to the parish prison in default of bail.

Searing and Miss Rendell had been living here under the names of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Reynolds for nearly a year, according to the police. and Mrs. Frederick Reynolds for nearly a year, according to the police.
Searing had bought a farm in St.
Tammany parish. He was taken ill
last year and brought to a New Orleans hospital, where an operation was
performed. Later Miss Rendell came
to him. Searing told the police today
that he suffered a large of memory in

Atlantic City and did not remember anything that occurred from that time until he recovered from an operation at the hospital here. The prisoners agreed to return to Philadelphia without extradition pro-

THE WAKSLINS DENY

KILLING OF DAUGHTER Their Counsel Says He Has a Wit-ness Who Confessed the Deed.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 9.—Joseph Wakelin of Melrose, and his wife Sarah, on trial for manslaughter on account of the death of their little daughter Loretta, denied on the witness stand today that they had anything to do with the killing of the child. Both asserted their love for her and told of their horror when they learned that she had been strangled to death in the woods while on the way to schol.

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Mrs. Wakelin's appearance as a witness came scon after the announcement of the court's denial of a motion by the defense for a verdict of acquittal in her case. Counsel for the defense, William R. Scharton, said that he had a witness who would testify that a man had confessed to him not only that he killed Loretta Wakelin in Melrose, but also that he had murdered children in Chicopes and Holyoke. Mr. Scharton did not give the name of the witness.

The father was still on the stand under cross examination when adjoirnment was taken until tomorrow. Telling of his whereabouts on the day of Loretta's death, Wakelin said the he worked in his garden all the forencon. He saw "Tootsje" as he called his daughter, cating her breakfast. He did not see her go to school, but about 9.15 o'clock, he said, he saw her re-enter the house but did not see her again.

Wakelin told of his movements up to 1 p. m., when he said his married describer of the contract to the said his married describer of the contract to the said his married describer of the contract to the said his married describer of the contract to the said his married describer.

Wakelin told of his movements up to 1 p. m., when he said his married daughter, Mrs. Lillian Johnson, told him while he was still in the garden, that "Tootsie" had not returned to school after her visit to the house. He said he then went to his daughter's house and asked her to find out about "Tootsie." He said he then went to the school, where he talked with the teacher.

Upon his return to his house from the school, Wakelin telephoned the police that the child was missing and then began a search of the neighborhood. He said he looked in a neighbor's well and barn and then went into the woods near the foad, He testified that he found his daughter's bedy five hundred feet from the point where he entered the woods.

NEBRASKA MEN INTERNED

Paul Luebke and Edward Martin, the Fermer a Wealthy Merchant.

Linesin, Nob., Oct. 9.—In orders issued by Federal District Attornoy
Thomas Alien, Paul Luebke and Edward Martin of Norfelk and Blacr,
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THEY INCLUDE ALL TYPES OF WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE TREAS-

TO COST \$11,500,400,000 CALLS FOR \$300,000,000

and Are Now in the Service-Rush ing Work on the Others

Washington, Oct. 9.—The American avy's war construction program con-aists of 787 vessels, including all types from super-dreadnaughts to submafrom super-dreadnaughts to subma-rine chasers.

In making this announcement today

In making this announcement today Secretary Daniels said some of the vessels have been completed within the past few weeks and are now in service and that the remainder of the program is being rushed. The total cost is estimated at \$1,150,400,000.

Many Are Destroyers.

Many of the vessels are destroyers, and arrangements have been made for carrying out the \$350,000,000 supplemental destroyer program, which the navy expects to be completed in 18

months.

Examination of contracts for the builders prevented the formal signing of the agreements today, but Mr. Daniels said only minor details stood in the way of getting the vessels under construction

Companies Awarded Contracts. The companies awarded the con-racts are the New York Shipbuilding

tracts are the New York Shipbuilding corporation, the Oramp company, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, the Fore River Shipbuilding corporation, the Bath Iron works and the Union Iron works.

Secretary Daniels said he expected the first of the new destroyers to be launched and commissioned within nine months. They will be of the latest, largest and improved type, which have just been tried by the American navy, he said, and found to be ursurpassed by any destroyers in the world.

Craws Will Ba Ready.

Crews Will Be Ready. "Thousands of men will be required to man these destroyers." the secre-tary's statement said. "By the time the vessels are completed, the crews will be ready."

BOLO PASHA POSED AS

AN ARMENIAN DELEGATE Congress in Paris a Month Before the War Broke Out.

New York, Oct. 9— statement that Bolo Pasha, under arrest in Paris as alleged spy and peace propagandist on behalf of Germany, posed as a representative of the Armenian people at a congress in Paris a month before the world war broke out, was issued here tonight by Daniel Blumenthal, president of the World League for the Restitution of Alsace-Lorraine.

Mr. Blumenthal, who is in the United States to advocate the return of ted States to advocate the return of Alsace-Lorraine to France, said he

first encountered Bolo Pasha at the Paris assembly, which was made up of representatives of oppressed peoples. Bolo Pasha, Mr. Blumenthal said, pretended he was present on behalf of the Armenian people and accepted as such, was taken into the confidence of the delegates.

"What messages did he send back to Wilhelmstrasse?" Mr. Blumenthal's satement concludes. "Did he tell the German government that this man of Alsace-Lorraine was a traitor? That Alsace-Lorraine was a traitor? That that Serbian or Croatian was a trait-or? Did he inform Turkey of the genuine Armenians there? Who can tell?"

JUDGE MOBRIDE KILLED

Was a Federal Mediator and Widely Known Labor Leader.

Globe, Aris., Oct. 9.—Judge John McBride, federal mediator and widely known labor leader, died here this afternoon from injuries received tony when he was struck by a runeway

McBride came to Phoenix from Ohio in 1911 on account of his health and had lived in Phoenix since. He was president of the United Mine Workers of America, when that organization enjoyed its largest membership.

He was known in labor circles as the father of the closed shop, signed agreement and check-off system, all of which are now used in the coal districts throughout the United States.

McBride was elected president of the American Federation of Labor in 1894 and served one term, being the only person who has defeated Bamuel Gompers. He was a native of Ohio and served in the Ohio legislature, He was the first stree labor commissioner of Ohio, having been appointed by Governor James Campbell, McBride was 61 years old. PRESBYTERIAN BOCIAL

SERVICE COMMISSION

In Every Church In the Country.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 9—A national service committee in every Presbyterian church in the country "to guide the church in war relief and to cooperate with the Presbyterian national service commission, the federal council, the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A." is among the things recommonded in a preliminary report of the Presbyterian social service commission given out here yesterday by Roy. Paul Moore Strayer, of Rochester, chairman.

REICHSTAG HOLDS UP

BALARY APPROPRIATION Dr. Karl Helfferich's se Vice Chanceller,

Copenhagen, Oct. 9—The reichstage has decided to hold up the salary appropriation for Dr. Karl Helfferich's prepriation for Dr. Karl Helfferich's less than the proposition for the purp the measure to committee. In addition ever faturday's dehate, the verwarts says there is a steadily growner is says there is a steadily growner in the reichstag to accept a vote of lack of confidence as proposed by the retical socialists last Saturday.

Another Treasury Certificate Issue

URY DEP'T YESTERDAY

ture November 22-May be Convert ed Into Liberty Bonds at the Option of the Holders

Washington, Oct. 3.—Another issue of short time certificates of indebtedness, \$300,000,000 in yolume, was announced today by the treasury in anticipation of Liberty bond receipts. The offering will pay four per cent. Interest, will mature November 22, a week after the payment of the 18 per cent. installment on the Liberty loan, and may be converted into Liberty bonds at the option of the holders, if offered to federal reserve banks Nov. 15, a week before maturity.

Brings Total to \$1.550,000,000

Brings Total to \$1,550,000,000. Today's offering brings the total of the four issues put out in advance of the second Liberty bond receipts, up to \$1,550,000,000, or more than one-half of the minimum set by Secretary McAdoo for the bond issue.

Free From Taxos. The offering announced today is the second to bear four per cent, interest, the previous offering of \$400,000,000 having been at the same interest rate. The highest rate offered before was 3 1-2 per cent. The certificates are free from all taxes are tificates are free from all taxes ex-cept estate and inheritance taxes and the surtax imposed by the revenue bill recently enacted. Denominations of the certificates will be \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000.

Offering is at Par. The offering is at par. Subscriptions will be received by federal reserve banks up to 3 p. m., local time, betober 15, and the certificates will ear interest from October 18.

POLITICS IN THE CITY

OF BROTHERLY LOVE in Bad Light at Trial of Alleged Conspirators With Gunmen

Philadelphia, Oct. 9.—Testimony tending to show that David Bennett, a police lieutenant in the fifth ward, had taken an active part in canvasshad taken an active part in canvassing for voters for Isaac Deutsch, a co-defendant of Mayor Smith, and seven others in conspiracy charges growing out of the killing of a policeman on primary day, was brought, out at the hearing here today before Judge Brown in the muncipipal court. Witness, including John H. Maurer, an assistant district attorney, who was zlackjacked together with James A. Carey, Deutsch's successful rival for the councilmanic nominations, described in detail the attack by the policemen and gunmen on the Finletter Club, a Carey organization, on the night preceding the murder. The evidence tended to show that Lieutenant Bennett was near the club at the time of the raid during which the time of the raid, during which the members of the club were brutal-ly blackjacked and that policemen in plain clothes who participated in the attack, wore solcalled Deutsch hats, the same as those worn by the imported gunner. ported gunmen,

ported gunmen.

Lieutenant Wood last week testified that he had been sent into the ward of Captain Tate of the detective bureau, after consulting with Samuel G. Maloney, manager of the local branch of a private detective agency, as to the number of men he wanted for "duty" in the fifth ward.

Thomas Battagliese, one of the Carey election officers in the fifth ward, testified that Policeman Wirtschafer, one of the defendants, headed the gunmen who attacked the club and gunmen who attacked the club and who fired a shot through the front window to terrorize the members.

ESCAPED FROM GUARD HOUSE They Had Been Interned at Fort Mo-Intesh Since August 15.

enemies, four Austrians and one German, escape early Sunday morning from the guard house at Fort Mc-Intosh, where they had been Interned since August 15, it became known today. It had been discovered they used a duplicate key and investigation is being made.

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The body of Hans Frolich, one of the escaped prisoners, was found in the Rio Grande this morning. Three of the remaining men were captured today on the Mexican side. The fifth is still missing but is believed to have drowned in attempting to cross the swollen river.

The prisoners are said to have been captured after information that three men believed to be spies and accomplices of Captain Irving Schneider of the Germany navy, previously ar-

plices of Captain Irving Schneider of the Germany navy, previously ar-rested in San Francisco, were hiding on the Mexican side and apparently trying to make their way further into Mexico.

The prisoners had been carefully guarded since their internment and how they obtained the duplicate key is a mystery.

is a mystery.

FLOODS IN NORTH CHINA ARE NOT ABATING

American Infantry to be Re cause of Unsanitary Conditions.

Pekin, Oct. 9—The floods in north China are not abating and the situation is most serious. The American Red Cross and the American Asiatic Association have passed resolutions that all their funds and future energies shall be devoted to flood relief purposes. It is expected that the American infantry stationed in Tien Tsin will be removed to Pekin on account of the unsanitary conditions.

New Orleans Will Lose Its Red Light

Condensed Telegrams

One \$50 Liberty Bond will buy 1,007

Three persons were injured when a

Praesident Wilson plans no vaca-tion or speaking trip before the Christ-mas holidays.

N. A. McPherson of Rockland, Me., is listed as killed in action in the latest

Canadian casualty list. Acting on an experiment suggested by Commissioner Hoover, Philadelphia will try five cent war bread.

Silver and gold valued at \$1,461,798 was exported from Mexico during May, June and July of this year.

Abbas Hilmi, former Khedive of Egypt, was received by Emperor Charles of Austria in Vienna.

Swedish political parties will reply eparately to the appeal of King Gus-ave to form a coalition cabinet. The Republic Rubber Corporation of New York City was incorporated at Albany, with a capital of \$11,250,000.

Sir Edward Letchworth, grand sec retary of the English Freemasons, died in London. He was 84 years of age.

Destruction of the paper issue known as "infalsicables" was started by the Mexican Treasury Department. A large order for rubber boots was received from the French Govern-ment by the United States Rubber Co. Arguments on the constitutionality of the draft law will be heard by the Supreme Court at Washington on Dec.

Many incendiary fires, mostly in fruit backing plants and warehouses, are re-ported from various parts of Califor-

Capt. S. B. Hanks, veteran Mississippi pilot and cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died at his home at Albany, Ill.

A school for military aeronautics at Yale University has been planned and sanction now rests with the .War De-partment. President Wilson will soon issue

proclamation announcing the method of administration of the trading-with-A campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for the Liberty Loan was inaugurated by men of the 27th division, encamped at Spartanburg, S. C.

Another loan of \$15,000,000, making a total of \$2,535,400,000 to all the Al-lies, was extended to Great Britain by the United States.

About 2,500 carliads of food supplies are being delivered daily by railroads at the various draft and national guard camps.

Jesus Martinez, Mexican vice-consulat New York, was arrested for refusing to appear for examination after he had been drafted.

Last week's shipments of cured and fresh meats from Chicago totalled 39,-339,000 pounds, compared with 42,570.-Lord Leverhulme, head of the largest soap manufacturing concern in Great Britain, announced that he favors a

six-hour day after the war. A portable hospital for the benefit of wounded or ill soldiers and sailors will be opened in Boston on Oct. 15, adjoining the Deaconess Hospital.

George A. Blewett, 20, of Los Angeles, a freshman at the University of California, died at San Francisco of in-

Coal jobbers throughout the country were ordered to register with the Fed-eral Trade Commission by Oct. 25, by

Following a strike of more than two months, 18,000 coal miners in Ken-tucky and Tennessee returned to work after their union had obtained recog

The Harvard University Regiment of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps with 1,000 men enrolled, started its first full week of work at Cam-

Another call for male and female stenographers, typists, schedule, index and catalogue clerks, and mechanical draughtsmen was issued by the gov-

Felix Frankfurter and Walter Lippman, confidential assistants to Secre-tary of War Baker, have been desig-nated for special labor negotiations in

Colgate University reported an open-ing enrollment of only 372 students which is 200 below the number of last This is caused by enlistment in

Sir Thomas White, Canadian Minister of Finance, will supervise the campaign for the new Canadian Victory Loan of \$150,000,000 which will open

the service.

Mrs. Ella A. Boole, of Brooklyn, was reelected president of the W. C. T. U. of the State of New York for the 31st consecutive year, at the union's con-

Convicted at Trenton of obtaining money while impersonating Frank Daniels, son of the Secretary of the Navy, Joseph Levy, of Pittsburgh was sentenced to two years at Atlanta.

Found guilty of cutting New York-Washington telephone wires last July Otto Meyers and Fritz Schymaker Germans, were sentenced at Camden N. J., to seven years' imprisonment.

HAS CONSENTED TO

Nederland Steamship Company is to Carry Cargoes on Return Trip.

New Orleans, Oct. 9.—New Orleans' segregated district, one of the largest and most notorious in the country, will be abolished within thirty days under an ordinance adopted today by the city commission. The action was taken at the request of Secretary of the Navy Daniels and the new law repeals one passed by the council 25 years ago legalising the district.

Amsterdam, Oct. 9—The Nederland Steamship Company announces that it has acquiesced to the American conditions for granting bunkering factoristics, which provide that the company's vessels for every voyage between Java and the United States tween Java and the United States at Ciacinnation, Oct. 9—Pstablishment at Ciacinnation of a branch of the federal regressions of a passed by the council 25 years ago legalising the district.

Teutonic Military Strength Waning

GERMANY HAS MADE HER SU-PREME EFFORT

ALLIES GROW STRONGER

A Review Based Upon Data of the French General Staff Says Enemy's Resources Are Diminishing at Time When Most Needed.

Oct. Washington, 9-Germany's military strength now clearly shows a decrease for the first time since the

decrease for the first time since the war began, according to a review based upon data of the French general staff made public here tonight by the French high commission.

Worn down and driven back by the never-ending pounding of the allies on the western front, the statement says, the Germans have made their supreme military effort after drawing heavily upon their inactive armies in the east and calling out their 1918 and part of the 1919 reserves.

Thus, while the allies have reached and are prepared to maintain their

and are prepared to maintain their full strength while awaiting the coming of America's great army, the onemy's resources are diminishing at the very moment when the military situation demands that they increase, ment, "the decisive character attend-ment, "the decisive houracter attend-ing the operations in 1918, when three great democracies, England, France and America, will unite their entire strength in attacking the enemy, in conformity with the only sound prin-ciples of war."

The commission's statement issued

through the committee on public in-formation in part follows:

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"All the measures they (the Germans) have taken have been defensive in character intended to strengthen their resistance in the face of Anglo-French forces. Not content with declining to give battle and withdraw a portion of their front on the Hindenburg position, they have transported to the western front between Jamiary and April a certain number of divisions drawn from the eastern front. As this did not suffice they have drawn the picked men from each of their companies on the eastern front, and with the assistance of the class of 1918 have formed 27 new divisions, and with the assistance of the class of 1918 have formed 27 new divisions, 26 of which have appeared in France.

"They have exchanged their picked troops of the eastern front for the inferior ones of the western front (landwehr), finally, once the battle begand in order to hold out they have successively replaced, number for number, 16 exhausted divisions from the French front by fresh divisions from the eastern front.

Has Kade Supreme Military Effort. "However, in spite of using all these methods of which the latter have only been possible this year due to the trouble made by the Russian revolutrouble made by the Russian revolu-tion, Germany has made her supreme

military effort.
"This is evidenced by the two lowing statements which should be compared for future enlightment:
"1—After the formation of the 27 divisions above mentioned, Germany had intended to create ten more divisions with the regiments of the series 607-602. Not only has she been obliged to abandon the latter part of her programme in spite of calling out a portion of the class of 1919 but she her programme in spite of calling out a portion of the class of 1919, but she has been obliged to break up several newly formed regiments to reinforce her fighting units and for the first time since the beginning of the war, a clear decrease in the total strength of the German forces is in record.

Chilged to Increase Reserves.

"2—At the very time that her total strength is diminishing Germany finds herself obliged to increase her reserves on the French front to forty divisions with the sole aim of providing relay and resistance. Therefore just as the offensive strength of the Germans has been broken in the open fields on the Marne and Yser and in the trench warfare at Verdun, her facilities for manoeuvering, that is to sav the possibility of transporting valuable reserves from one front to another, is prevented at present by the continuity and intensity of the Anglo-French offensive. Germany has still great powers of resistance which will take all the allied forces to break. She is capable of executing very visorous local offensives. But her resources are diminishing at the very moment when the military situation requires that they should increase. Obliged to Increase Reserves. they should increase.

The Principal Point.

"That is the principal point.
"On the other hand, British and French armies have reached their full strength in men and material and are capable with help of America, of maintaining the enormous strength which they have gained to the end of the war. To this strength will be added the great American army, which will arrive as quickly as possible, as three years of war have demonstrated the value of time and the advantage of each day gained.

"This shows the decisive character attending the operations of 1913, when three great democracies, England, France and America, will unite their entire strength in attacking the enemy, in conformity to the only sound my, in conformity to the only sound principles of war."

"WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS" PLAN HAS BEEN ABANDONED About Persons in the Territory of the Central Powers.

Washington, Oct. 9—The govern-ment has for military reasons re-quested the merican R4d Cross to abandon the plan undertaken some time ago at the suggestion of the government to transmit inquiries as to "welfare and whereabouts" eman-ating from residents of the United States to persons in the territories of the central powers or area occupied the central powers or area occupied

by them.

Therefore, no further letters of that character will be transmitted by the bureau of communication of the Red